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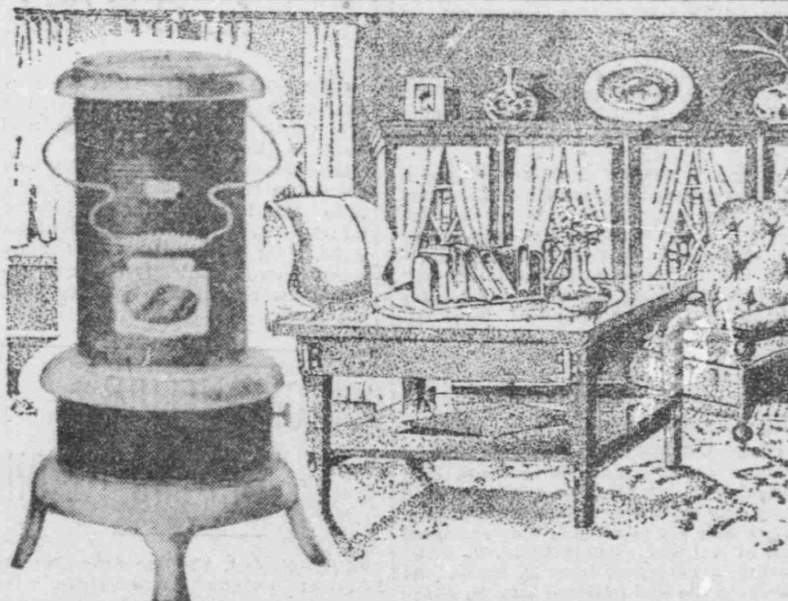
WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE CHIEF CITIES OF EUROPE

OLD AGE PENSION
SCHEMES OCCUPY
BRITISH PUBLICSocialist Distrust Plan
Advanced by Chancel-
lor of Exchequer
Asquith.Avebury Proposal Dis-
liked—Men Might Be
Unable to Continue
Payments.LONDON, Oct. 12.—That most Eng-
lishmen are at present more or less oc-
cupied with the question of old age
pensions is one of the obvious signs of
the progress of socialism in this coun-
try.The chancellor of the exchequer, H.
J. Asquith, has promised to introduce
a government scheme next session, and
says he will appropriate \$10,000,000 for
the purpose. The socialists, as repre-
sented at the recent trade union con-
gress, are distrustful of any govern-
ment scheme, even though it is a Lib-
eral government that fathers it, and
have demanded that the state shall pro-
vide for the payment of at least \$1.25 a
week to every man on attaining the age
of sixty.

Wants Laborers to Contribute.

Meanwhile, a very carefully thought-
out proposal is made by Lord Avebury,
better known as Sir John Lubbock,
banker, essayist, and naturalist, in con-
junction with several other well-known
economists.The scheme is based on the encour-
agement and assistance of persons who
are willing to make some sacrifice to
entitle themselves to pensions.It is suggested that the government
should co-operate with the various
friendly societies, receiving from them
the contributions of candidates for pen-
sions and allowing interest on them at
3 1/2 per cent.By commencing at twenty years of
age to pay \$5 a year, or less than 19
cents a week, it is shown that a man
might entitle himself to a pension of
\$1.75 a week at the age of sixty-five
if only 3 1/2 per cent interest is allowed;
but an additional 1 per cent would add
72 cents to the pension. At the age of
seventy the pensions at the lower and
higher rates of interest would be re-
spectively \$3.25 and \$3.16, so that the
pension becomes nearly 50 per cent more
at 3 1/2 than at 2 1/2 per cent.

Dislike Avebury Scheme.

This extra 1 per cent is additional to
the 3 1/2 per cent which the government
allows on friendly societies' funds in-
vested in the foundation of the pension
system; and Lord Avebury points out
that even if the total fund collected
were \$50,000,000 the interest of 1 per
cent would only amount to half the
sum which Mr. Asquith has set aside
for the government pension scheme.Lord Avebury's proposals were de-
nounced at the trade union congress as
"paltry," but it is admitted in the labor
press that it is in theory an excellent
principle, but that its weakness is that
it is only theoretically sound. How
many men of the laboring class, it is
asked, would be able to keep up even
the small payment of 10 cents a week
for forty-five years. The scheme wants
supplementing by a humanitarian sys-
tem which would insure that every
man got his pension.Horse's Foot Buried
In His Own Coffin,
Man's Will OrdersLONDON, Oct. 12.—A very eccentric
will was left by John Francis Wigan,
a horse-loving retired cavalry officer,
who recently died in Northamptonshire.
Directing the burial arrangements, he
wrote in the will:"If possible my remains are to be
buried among the gorse bushes at East-
cote. No clergyman is to assist at the
burial, and my bony mare is to be buried
near me; otherwise, my bay mare Dolly
Varden is to be shot and buried in the
paddock at Eastcote, but her tail and
one of her feet are to be put in my
coffin, as also one of Nancy Lee's feet."Another curious will was that of John
Margerson, a veteran cotton mill work-
er of Blackburn, who had by extraordi-
nary thrift saved more than \$30,000. He
left \$3,000 for a peal of bells for a Black-
burn church, and after providing for
his nephews and nieces he ordered that
the residue of his estate should be
devoted to the erection of a statue in
Blackburn to his late employer, William
Henry Hornby. Margerson had been
employed by the Hornby family for fifty
years.CZAR, KAISER, AND KING
TO MEET IN DENMARKBERLIN, Oct. 12.—A meeting between
the Czar and the Kaiser and King Ed-
ward is expected to take place very
shortly in the cottage Hvidehoe, near
Copenhagen, belonging to the Dowager
Empress of Russia and her sister, Queen
Alexandra.It is admitted here that the meeting
will be of great political importance.German Crown Prince
Loved by the People
He Was Born to RuleThis is the latest photo of the German crown prince and his son. The young
prince, who will in time be ruler of the German empire, is now twenty-five
years old and immensely popular with the German people. Two years ago
he married the Duchess Cecile of Mecklenburg-Schwerin. Their little son was
born on July 4, 1905.SANTOS-DUMONT TRIES
TO WIN \$10,000 BET
WANTS WOMEN NURSES
FOR THE FRENCH ARMYPARIS, Oct. 12.—M. Santos-Dumont
has been experimenting on the lake in
the Bois de Boulogne with his new hy-
droplane, with which he proposes to win
a bet of \$10,000 by traveling at the rate
of sixty miles an hour.
The hydroplane, which is called the
Santos-Dumont, No. 18, is a curious-
looking apparatus composed of three
cigar-shaped bulbs, the center one of
which is thirty-five feet long, and the
other two about four feet long. The
three bulbs are filled with compressed
air and protected by wood and steel.
M. Santos-Dumont sits on a sort of
saddle at the back of the large ship.
The entire apparatus as at present
constructed only weighs 120 pounds, but
it will be heavier when the 120-horse-
power motor is fitted, although this will
be made wonderfully light.PARIS, Oct. 12.—General Picquart, the
minister of war, has just arrived at a
decision with regard to the military hos-
pitals which is immensely appreciated
by the French soldier—namely, to con-
stitute a corps of female military nurses.
Since the nuns were driven out of the
French military establishments by the
new law, the work of nursing has been
carried on exclusively by men. This left
a great deal to be desired, for naturally
the men nurses know nothing of the
tender care and watchfulness of a wom-
an, and especially a woman accustomed
to nursing, and the soldier in all cour-
tise is a great child who needs con-
fiding when he is ill.
It was Dr. Letulle who pointed out
to the minister how greatly female help
was wanted in the military hospitals,
and General Picquart has not hesitated
to give orders for the organization of
a proper female nursing staff.

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derful embroideries in brilliant gold and
colors, and the result is that a revival of
Byzantine splendor is the feature of the
autumn modes.
At the Balkan States Exposition, at
Earl's Court, also there is a beautiful
display of embroideries from the neigh-
boring countries of Servia, Montenegro,
and the peasants of these countries have
benefited considerably from the London
demand for their exquisite work.THEATER FOR ART
PLANNED IN LONDONLONDON, Oct. 12.—The London stage
is gradually emerging from its long
period of blatant Philistinism, thanks
to the efforts of George Bernard Shaw
and other people with ideas. The latest
feature of the theatrical renaissance is
the project to open during the coming
winter a small theater in London where
good plays and good acting, and not
"stars" and scenic display, will be the
chief features.Miss Gertrude Kingston, who has been
for some years a noted London actress,
will be the manager of the new play-
house, which will be named "The
Little Theater." It will be housed in a
concert hall, instead of a regular the-
ater, and there will be no orchestra.The repertoire will consist of modern
plays by clever authors, which will be
produced unostentatiously in an atmo-
sphere of serious art.BERLIN ANXIOUS
OVER TAFT VISITBERLIN, Oct. 12.—Not only the Amer-
ican colony here but all Berlin is look-
ing forward to the visit of Secretary
Taft, who has announced that he will
arrive in this city about November 23.
The American Chamber of Com-
merce is busy preparing the arrange-
ments for the great banquet in the Sec-
retary's honor, and every seat in the
banquet hall has already been be-
spoken.Germans are interested in Secretary
Taft, first because they are anxious to
see a man who is Secretary of War
without possessing any military train-
ing or knowledge of military matters,
and, second, because the papers here
designate him as the man most likely
to succeed President Roosevelt.It is also hoped that he will succeed
in arranging the preliminaries of a per-
manent commercial treaty between
America and Germany.TOSELLI HAS OFFER
TO BRING BRIDE HEREBERLIN, Oct. 12.—Leopold Woelfling,
the former Archduke of Austria, who
was the faithful ally of his sister, ex-
Crown Princess Louise of Saxony, when
she eloped with Giron, has given her up
as "entirely too eccentric to be at lib-
erty," since she has married the pianist
Toselli, and he has asked his legal rep-
resentatives to notify the world that
he considers Toselli, whom he once met
at Monte Carlo, an adventurer, who will
leave her within a few months and use
the notoriety he has gained to advertise
himself.There are, in fact, already rumors here
that Toselli is about to accept the offer
in American impresario to tour the
United States at an enormous salary,
provided he can make his wife accom-
pany him.As the couple are said to be in bad
straits financially, it would not surpris-
anyone here to learn that they had ac-
tually accepted.

WHEN IN DOUBT

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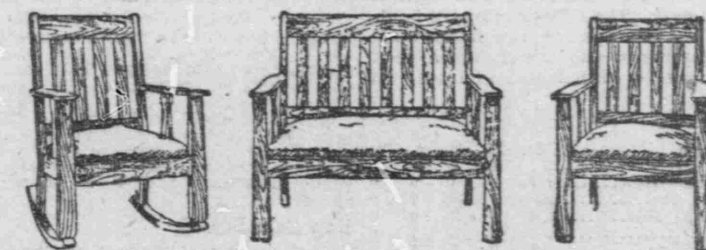
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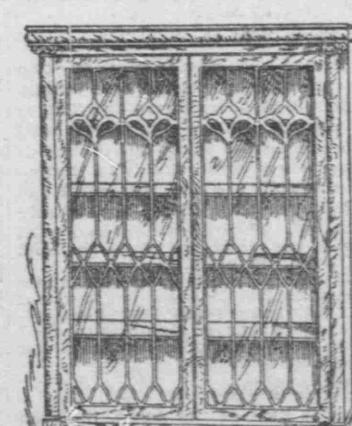
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